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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEWS ON US-EC DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES

1. IN TALKS WITH DCM THIS WEEK FONOFF STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST
AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LYNDEN EXPRESSED SAT-
ISFACTION WITH TON AND RESULTS OF OCT 18-19 COPENHAGEN MEETING OF
US AND EC REPRESENTATIVES. THEY WERE CONFIDENT THAT PROCESS OF
REFINING A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WOULD CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY
ALTHOUGH THEY CAUTIONED THAT IT WOULD TAKE TIME AND US SHOULD BE
PATIENT WITH ITS EUROPEAN INTERLOCUTORS. BOTH VAN LYNDEN (PRESENT
AT LAST COPENHAGEN MEETING) AND BRINKHORST (WHO WAS NOT) WERE
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RELIEVED THAT US WOULD APPARENTLY NOT INSIST ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE

RE PARTNERSHIP AND INTERDEPENDENCE OF POLITICAL, DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES ALTHOUGH THEY AGREED WITH DCM THAT US CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL TO AGREE ON LANGUAGE EMBODYING THESE CONCEPTS IN THE DECLARATION.

2. BRINKHORST, WHO IS THE FONOFF EUROPEAN SPECIALIST AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL AND COMES FROM AN INTELLECTUAL BACKGROUND, ENDORSED THE CONCEPT THAT THE INTERNAL PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION WAS ITSELF INTERDEPENDENT WITH THE EXTERNAL PROCESS WHICH WAS DRAWING THE US AND THE EC MEMBER STATES CLOSER TOGETHER IN EVERY MAJOR FIELD. IN OTHER WORDS, THE DUTCH UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT, ACCORDING TO BRINKHORST, THAT THE MOVEMENT TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED IN A VACUUM BUT ONLY IN THE EVOLVING CONTEXT OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO BRINKHORST, THE EUROPEANS DO NOT WANT TO FEEL TOO MUCH PRESSURE FROM THE US TO ACCELERATE THEIR PROCESS OF INTERNAL INTEGRATION. THE TEMPO AND MODALITIES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN THE 70'S ARE NECESSARILY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE 60'S HAD FRANCE UNDER DE GAULLE NOT BROUGHT THE EUROPEAN UNITY MOVEMENT TO A STANDSTILL. BRINKHORST AGREED, HOWEVER, WITH THE DCM'S OBSERVATION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APR 23 SPEECH AND THE ENSURING INTENSIFIED US-EC DIALOGUE HAD THEMSELVES STIMULATED THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR JUDGMENT THE GON'S PROBLEMS WITH QUOTE PARTNERSHIP UNQUOTE AND LINKAGE OF POLITICAL, DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE NOT CONCEPTUAL BUT BASED ON PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN THE DUTCH VIEW THE TIME IS NOT RIPE TO SPEAK IN TERMS OF US-EC PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DISPARITY IN THE STATE OF INTERNAL INTEGRATION OF THE TWO INTENDED PARTNERS. IT FOLLOWS THAT AT SUCH TIME AS EUROPEAN UNION BECOMES A REALITY THE DUTCH COULD THEN ENVISAGE A PARTNERSHIP OF ROUGHLY EQUAL PROPORTIONS. BUT THE DUTCH WANT VERY MUCH TO PROTECT THE EC'S AMERICAN ASSET. AS BRINKHORST SAID, JUST BECAUSE WE CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR PARTNERSHIP LANGUAGE DOES NOT MEAN THAT ANY OF US FAVOR OR CONTEMPLATE ANY KIND OF CONFRONTATION. BOTH BRINKHORST AND VAN LYNDEN SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FORWARD VERY POSITIVELY TO THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE, WHICH THEY HOPED WOULD FOLLOW SOON AFTER THE NEXT MEETING OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON NOV 12.

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